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FEEDBACK SOUGHT ON SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM

(FRANKFORT, Ky.) – In the coming weeks, the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) will be applying to the U.S. Department of Education for a School Improvement Grant (SIG).

These grants, authorized under section 1003(g) of Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) of 1965, are made to State Educational Agencies (SEAs), which in turn make competitive sub-grants to Local Education Agencies (LEAs). Schools that are identified as Priority Schools will be given first consideration. Identified Focus Schools will be considered if any remaining funds are available. Successful LEA applicants will demonstrate the greatest need for the funds and the strongest commitment to use the funds to provide adequate resources in order to substantially raise the achievement in their lowest-performing schools. Further information about the SIG program can be found here: <http://www2.ed.gov/programs/sif/index.html>.

KDE is requesting comments about the SIG program in preparation for the state's application. If you wish to provide feedback, please email your comments to Jason Radford, acting director, Division of Consolidated Plans and Audits at jason.radford@education.ky.gov. Comments must be received by the close of business on Monday, May 16.

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